

Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

2014 Statewide News Release Schedule

| Reference Month | Statewide News Release | Local Area News Release |
|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Dec | Jan 28 | Jan 28 |
| Jan | Mar 17 | Mar 17 |
| Feb | Mar 28 | Mar 28 |
| Mar | Apr 18 | Apr 22 |
| Apr | May 16 | May 20 |
| May | June 20 | June 24 |
| June | July 18 | July 22 |
| July | Aug 18 | Aug 19 |
| Aug | Sept 19 | Sept 23 |
| Sept | Oct 21 | Oct 21 |
| Oct | Nov 21 | Nov 25 |
| Nov | Dec 19 | Dec 23 |
| Dec | Jan 27 | Jan 27 |

Iowa Nonfarm Employment by Quarter

| | Average Employment | Percent Change from Prior Qtr |
|--------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2013 - Qtr 1 | 1,519,900 | 0.4% |
| Qtr 2 | 1,523,800 | 0.3% |
| Qtr 3 | 1,534,400 | 0.7% |
| Qtr 4 | 1,542,900 | 0.6% |
| 2014 - Qtr 1 | 1,538,700 | -0.3% |
| Qtr 2 | 1,546,400 | 0.5% |
| Qtr 3 | 1,555,100 | 0.6% |

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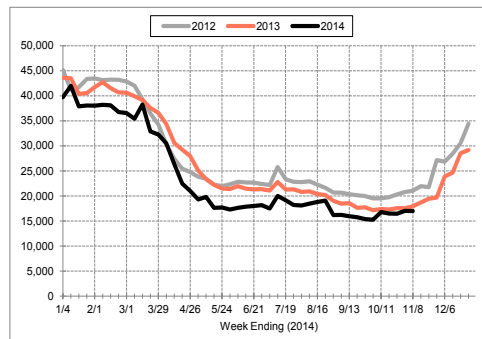
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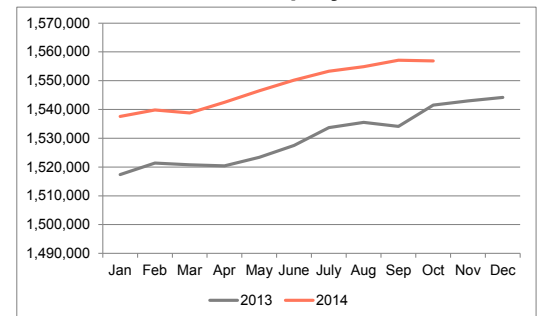
- Iowa's seasonally adjusted jobless rate edged down to 4.5 percent in October from the prior month's 4.6 percent. The October 2013 rate was 4.4 percent.
- The Iowa labor force has expanded in each month of 2014, rising to 1,711,600 in October.
- The U.S. unemployment rate dipped to 5.8 percent in October from 5.9 percent in September. Employers added 214,000 jobs nationwide.

Continued Weeks Claimed for Unemployment Insurance Iowa Regular State UI Program



- UI continued weeks claimed during third quarter 2014 were 13 percent below the previous year. Layoffs in manufacturing increased in October, and continued weeks for October 2014 were only 5 percent below October 2013.
- Nationally, retailers are preparing for perhaps the best holiday shopping season since the recession ended in mid-2009. Retailers added a record number of temporary workers in October to get ready for the rush.
- According to a recent Federal Reserve study, the wealthiest five percent of American households held 63 percent of all wealth in 2013, up from 54 percent in 1989.

Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa



- Iowa's nonfarm employment dropped slightly to 1,556,900 in October. The current level is 15,400 higher than one year ago.
- October's job gains were led by trade and transportation (+2,700), and education and health (+2,600).
- The state's manufacturing sector has lost momentum in 2014, falling to its lowest employment level for the year in October (213,700). The industry recently incurred the permanent loss of several hundred jobs.
- Government added the most jobs to the Iowa economy since last October (+5,800). A major share of the gains occurred in local government (+5,500).

Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates - 2014

